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TAGS:SHUM, OTRA, CI

SUBJECT: MEZVINSKY VISIT TO SANTIAGO

REF: GENEVA 4780

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS INADVERTENT OMISSION OF GENEVA AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON SEVERAL CABLES CONCERNING MEZVINSKY VISIT TO SANTIAGO. WE ARE NOW REPEATING THEM TO YOU. AS YOU WILL SEE, CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL EXTENDED INVITATION FOR MEZVINSKY TO COME TO CHILE TO DISCUSS MEANS OF ARRANGING VISIT OF WORKING GROUP. MEZVINSKY HAS SUGGESTED VISIT DURING WEEK OF APRIL 9.

2. MEZVINSKY HAS DISCUSSED VISIT WITH PIERRE SANON IN NEW YORK AND BY PHONE WITH COSTAS PAPADEMAS IN GENEVA IN VAN BOVEN'S ABSENCE. PAPADEMAS IS PROVIDING INFORMATION
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THROUGH MISSION ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN CONTACTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND WORKING GROUP. MEZVINSKY HOPES TO EXPLORE WITH CHILEANS MEANS OF RESOLVING DIFFERENCES AND THUS PAVE WAY FOR WORKING GROUP VISIT TO SANTIAGO.

3. MEZVINSKY SPOKE WITH MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP PRIOR TO

DEPARTURE FROM GENEVA AND RECEIVED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN

EFFORT TO PERSUADE CHILEANS TO ACCEPT WORKING GROUP. HE PLANS TO SPEAK BY PHONE FURTHER WITH ALLANA, AS WELL AS WITH VAN BOVEN, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO ASSURE THAT HIS SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING STRATEGY HAS THEIR APPROVAL.

4. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT MISSION CONTINUE TO NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY POSSIBILITY OF MEZVINSKY'S TRAVEL TO CHILE. UNTIL FINAL DATES ARE SET, WE SEE NO VALUE IN SPECULATING ON VISIT. WE DESIRE, AS INDICATED IN EARLIER CABLE TO SANTIAGO, TO KEEP VISIT AS LOW KEY AS POSSIBLE.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED ON ALL FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. COOPER

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